

ABSTRACT

An ink-jet printing system includes an ink carriage,  
an ink-jet print head, a guiding member and a supporting  
member. The ink carriage is detachably provided to the ink-  
5. jet printing system. The ink-jet print head is mounted on  
the ink carriage. The guiding member is configured to  
support the ink carriage at operational positions of the ink  
carriage including a home position. The guiding member is  
also configured to be disengaged from the ink carriage to  
10. replace the ink carriage. The supporting member is arranged  
at a position under the ink carriage at the home position to  
receive the ink carriage when the guiding member is  
disengaged from the ink carriage at the home position.